

CHAPTER 12 - THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Brian Urquhart described the U.N. in its infancy as the 'constituency of the _____ good". In _____, he said, the U.N. attacked the Palestine problem in the hope of facilitating a British retreat from that area of conflict while, at the same time, finding a solution to the Jewish refugee problem in Europe and the decades old conflict between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

The innocence, however, was not just a product of _____ idealism and ignorance of the difficult and virtually intractable nature of the problem. the innocence was a direct product of the U.N. being dominated by the 'constituency of the good' rather than the 'constituency of the right.'

By 'constituency of the right', I am not referring to the political cliché of right versus left in politics. The ideology of government as either a passive umpire or as an activist instrument of social goals is just that, an ideology which _____ _____ _____ _____ the development of government as _____ of its citizens.